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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
Food and Drug Administration  
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Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket No. 98N-1038, "Irradiation in the Production,  
Processing, and Handling of Food"

To whom it may concern:

I am a parent and a rancher interested in the safety of our foods and their labeling. I understand you are considering eliminating the labeling of irradiated foods. I strongly urge you not to do so and hope you will continue to retain the current law of labeling these foods as such and the use of the radura symbol on all irradiated whole foods. Please use labels that will be readily visible to the consumer.

Chemical and textural changes do occur when food is irradiated, and the consumer should be informed so as to decide whether or not to purchase such foods. This is newness in technology and do not know the long term effects on our health.

I feel that the FDA's labeling requirement should not be allowed to expire. I urge that the radura symbol be clearly placed as such that consumers will not be misled otherwise.

Respectfully,

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